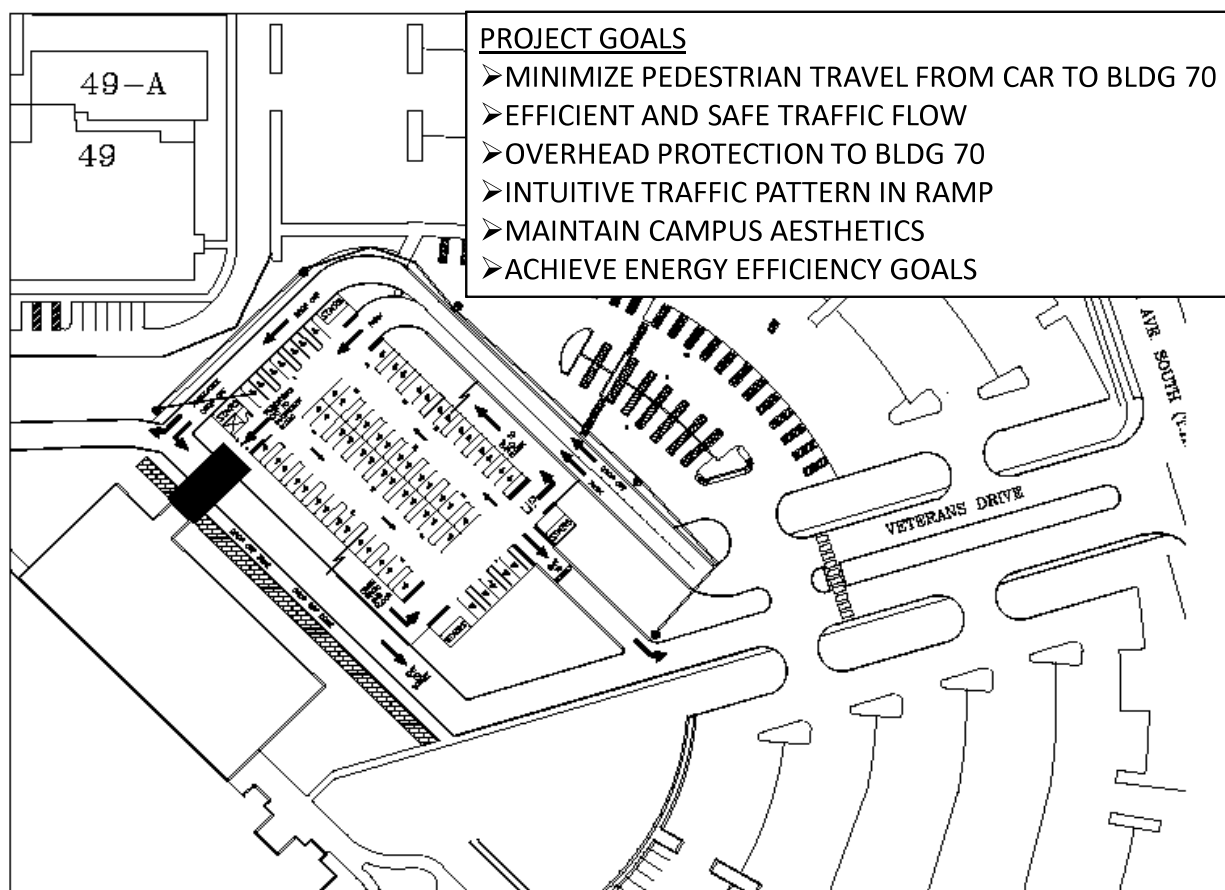


Parking Lot Plans Moving Ahead



The above graphic depicts a concept for a proposed enclosed parking garage for the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Plans are underway to prepare a design for review and funding by central office. The four-story garage might include below ground/and above ground parking spaces. It will include at least 300 spaces intended for patient use. The garage would include a covered walkway and elevators. If all goes according to plans, construction could begin in spring of 2011 with an estimate of one year to build. Because the proposed structure will extend into the current lot, VAMC will lose about 150 surface spaces. However, the new surface lot under construction off 54th Avenue will accommodate about 380 spaces. That lot is expected to be completed this summer.